

Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA) Preliminary State Plan

Section 3

Sec 254. STATE PLAN (a) IN GENERAL - The State plan shall contain a description of each of the following:

(3) How the State will provide for programs for voter education, election official education and training, and poll worker training which will assist the State in meeting the requirements of Title III.

Recommended Language

Poll workers and elections officers will be kept abreast of changes in law, including new laws and to maintain uniformity, the secretary of state will offer continuing education programs to election officials. The state already has adopted laws that address these programs.

- 1. Pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes § 16-427, voters are given instruction on the use of voting machines.
- 2. Pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes § 16-406, voting equipment is on public display at different times and places.
- 3. Pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes § 16-407, election officers participate in an election officer education, training and certification program.
- 4. Pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes § 16-532, poll workers are required to attend instructional programs "Instruction of election board inspectors and judges; certificate of qualification; optional training; instruction of counting center election officials".
- 5. Pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes §§ 16-444 and 16-452, Arizona has adopted uniform definitions of election terms.
- 6. Pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes § 19-123, the state mails the publicity pamphlet for ballot measures to every household that contains a registered voter. The publicity pamphlet will include a section for voter education.

The secretary of state may use public service announcements via the public broadcasting system in the two major markets in the state, Phoenix and Tucson, as a forum to conduct voter education and poll worker training education.

The secretary of state will include additional training in the election officer certification training program on the requirements under the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA). The secretary of state will include material in the procedures manual for implementing poll worker training and public display of voting systems. The secretary of state will continue to include election terminology in the procedures manual.

The secretary of state will further adopt voter education guidelines, which shall inform voters that if they fail to cast a vote for a candidate or issue, the voter will not be notified of the undervote.